

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-28 are pending in the present Application. Applicant amended claims 1, 15, 18, 20, 21, 27 and canceled claims 16 and 17. All claims are supported by the specification and add no new matter.

**Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102**

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, and 23-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wang et al, Patent No. 6,337,544.

At the same time, the Examiner indicated that Claims 17-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and the intervening claims.

In response, Applicant amended claim 1 to recite the limitations of claim 17, found allowable by the Examiner. This amendment makes claim 1 allowable and allowance of claim 1 is therefore respectfully requested.

Further, Applicant amended claim 15 to recite the limitations of claim 17, which was found allowable by the Examiner. This amendment makes claim 15 allowable and allowance of claim 15 is therefore respectfully requested.

**Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103**

Claims 2 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang in view of Ribarich, Patent No. 6,956,336. Claim 8 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang in view of Jales, Patent No. 6,879,114. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang in view of Gradzki, Patent No. 6,011,360. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang in

view of Mader, Patent No. 6,469,454. Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang in view of Ribarich, Patent No. 6,008,593. Claims 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang in view of Ribarich, Patent No. 6,150,773.

In response, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and points out that claims 2, 5, 8, 10, 11, and 14 depend from allowable independent claim 1, and are therefore allowable themselves. Claims 21 and 22 depend from allowable independent claim 15, and are therefore allowable themselves.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner objected to claims 17-20 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, Applicant amended base claim 15 using the limitations of claims 16 and 17. Therefore, claims 16 and 17 have been canceled.

Claims 18, 19 and 20 now depend from allowable independent claim 15 and thus are allowable themselves.

**CONCLUSION**

In light of the above remarks and with the above amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition of allowance and therefore their allowance is hereby requested. If any of the claims require further clarification or discussion, the undersigned is readily available at (415) 772-1200.

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